



MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. **6(A)**

January 14, 2013

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Javier D. Souto  
and Members, Recreation and Cultural Affairs  
Committee

**DATE:** December 26, 2012

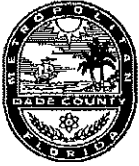
**FROM:** Christopher Agrippa  
Division Chief, Clerk of the Board Division

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Commission  
Committee Minutes

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee:

1. December 10, 2012

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Attachment



## CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

### Meeting Minutes

#### Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Javier D. Souto (10) Chair; Dennis C. Moss (9) Vice Chair; Commissioners Sally A. Heyman (4), Jean Monestime (2), Rebeca Sosa (6), and Xavier L. Suarez (7)

Stephen P. Clark  
Government Center  
111 N.W. 1st Street  
Miami, FL 33128

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Monday, December 10, 2012

2:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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**Members Present:** Jean Monestime, Dennis C. Moss, Javier D. Souto, Xavier L. Suarez.

**Members Absent:** Sally A. Heyman, Rebeca Sosa.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

**Report:** *Flora Real, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1294*

**1A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## 1C ROLL CALL

**Report:** *In addition to the members of the Committee, the following persons were also present:*

- Senior Advisor Lisa Martinez, Office of the Mayor
- Assistant County Attorney Monica Maldonado
- Deputy Clerks Jovel Shaw, Flora Real, and Zorana Gainer

*Chairman Souto called the meeting to order at approximately 2:23 p.m.*

### *MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA*

*Assistant County Attorney Monica Maldonado noted that the memorandum from Vice Chairwoman Edmonson, entitled "Requested Changes to the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee Agenda," requested that Agenda Item 2A be added and that Agenda Item 1E1 be withdrawn.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Moss that the agenda be set as amended. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez; and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed by a vote of 4-0. (Commissioners Heyman and Sosa were absent)*

## 1D SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

## 1E DISCUSSION

1E1

122418 Discussion Item

Sen. Javier D. Souto

EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF TRANSPORTING  
ELDERLY TO COUNTY PARKS FOR PARKS  
PROGRAMMING PURPOSES

*Withdrawn*

## 1F PUBLIC HEARING

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**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

## 122426 Resolution

Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR  
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF  
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM TO TRANSPORT ELDERLY RESIDENTS  
FROM THEIR RESIDENCES TO NEARBY COUNTY  
PARKS AND REPORT FINDINGS TO BOARD WITHIN  
SIXTY DAYS IN WRITTEN REPORT

*Amended*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Maldonado read into the record the title of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

*Chairman Souto relinquished the chair to Vice Chairman Moss.*

*Chairman Souto asked that the County administration review the feasibility of providing and facilitating transportation to senior citizens and those users of parks and libraries physically challenged.*

*Ms. Lisa Martinez commented that the Department of Community Action and Human Services already had an established seniors program in collaboration with the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department, which currently provided transportation to a number of different programs. She noted that the County administration would review and evaluate the recommendation with the affected departments, and explore developing private/public partnerships.*

*Commissioner Suarez recommended that Chairman Souto amend the foregoing resolution to include an Americans with Disability Act provision.*

*Chairman Souto relinquished the chair to Vice Chairman Moss.*

*Chairman Souto amended the foregoing resolution to include a provision for physically challenged users of parks and libraries; and there being no other objections or comments, the committee members proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as amended.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Souto that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded with favorable recommendations to the Board of*

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*County Commission (BCC) as amended. This motion was seconded by Commisisoner Suarez; and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed by a vote of 4-0. (Commissioners Heyman and Sosa were absent*

*Upon conclusion of this discussion, Chairman Souto continued to chair the meeting.*

**3 DEPARTMENT**

3A

**122264 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF TWENTY EIGHT (28) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$126,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FY 2012-2013 COMMUNITY GRANTS – SECOND QUARTER WITH: ARTSPRING, INC.; BEAUX ARTS OF THE LOWE ART MUSEUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, INC.; BIG BLUE & YOU, INC.; BLACKBIRD ARTS AND RESEARCH INC.; BRAZILIAN VOICES INC.; CAMPOSITION, INC. A/F/A FOR BISTOURY, INC.; CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT OF JEWISH EDUCATION, INC.; COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF MIAMI, INC.; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PARADE AND FESTIVITIES COMMITTEE, INC.; DUMOND CONSERVANCY FOR PRIMATES AND TROPICAL FORESTS INC.; HAITIAN AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION, INC.; HAITIAN CULTURAL ARTS ALLIANCE, INC. A/F/A FOR ART IN THE SKY; HEROES UNITE, INC.; LIVING ARTS TRUST, INC. D/B/A O CINEMA; MCCAULEY FUND TO CURE PARALYSIS, INC.; MIAMI ACTING COMPANY; MIAMI DESIGN PRESERVATION LEAGUE, INC.; MIAMI WIND SYMPHONY, INC.; MONTGOMERY BOTANICAL CENTER, INC.; ROTARY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH MIAMI, INC.; SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK MIAMI, INC.; SOBE JAZZ FESTIVAL, INC.; ST. PATRICKS DAY COMMITTEE, INC.; THE MIAMI FOUNDATION, INC. A/F/A FOR THE PETER LONDON GLOBAL DANCE COMPANY; THE SUNFLOWER SOCIETY, INC.; TRADISYON LAKOU LAKAY, INC.; UNITED JEWISH GENERATIONS, INC.; WOMENS INTERNATIONAL FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL, INC. WAIVING RESOLUTION R-130-06, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Cultural Affairs)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Second: Suarez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Sosa, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Maldonado read into the record the title of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

*There being no comments or objections, the committee members proceeded to vote.*

3B

**122278 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF THIRTY-THREE (33) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$425,900 FROM THE FY 2012-2013 FIRST QUARTER TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ROOM TAX PLAN AND SURTAX CATEGORY TO PROMOTE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TOURISM WITH: ACTORS' PLAYHOUSE PRODUCTIONS, INC.; BAYFRONT PARK MANAGEMENT TRUST; CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH; CLASSICAL SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.; COMMUNITY AIDS RESOURCE, INC. DBA CARE RESOURCE; EXPONICA INTERNATIONAL, INC.; FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC MANAGEMENT; FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF WOMEN BASKETBALL; GABLESTAGE, INC.; GREATER SOUTH DADE/SOUTH MIAMI/KENDALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DBA CHAMBER SOUTH; ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL, INC.; JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA, INC.; M. ATHALIE RANGE CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.; MDGLCC FOUNDATION, INC.; MELA, INC.; MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; MIAMI BEACH LATIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.; MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL, INC.; MIAMI NICE JAZZ FESTIVAL, INC.; MIAMI SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, INC.; MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DAYS, INC.; MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, INC., OCEAN PROMOTIONS & EVENTS, LLC; OLYMPIA CENTER, INC.; PARKS FOUNDATION OF MIAMI-DADE, INC.; SERAPHIC FIRE, INC.; TEATRO EN MIAMI CORP.; THE DANCE NOW! ENSEMBLE, INC.; THE DAVE AND MARY ALPER JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.; THE MUSICAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI, INC.; TIGERTAIL PRODUCTIONS, INC.; TROPICAL EVERGLADES VISITOR ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, FROST SCHOOL OF MUSIC WAIVING RESOLUTION R-130-06, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Cultural Affairs)

*Amended*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Maldonado read into the record the title of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

*Chairman Souto relinquished the chair to Vice Chairman Moss.*

*Chairman Souto amended the foregoing*

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*resolution to remove and not authorize the grant in the amount of \$14,400 to the Florida International University-Board of Trustees for the benefit of the Institute for Public Management, and the amendment would remain in effect until further evaluation and notice.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Souto that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded with favorable recommendations to the Board of County Commission (BCC) as amended. This motion was seconded by Commisisoner Suarez; and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed by a vote of 4-0. (Commissioners Heyman and Sosa were absent).*

*There being no other comments or objections, the committee members proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as amended.*

*Upon conclusion of this discussion, Chairman Souto continued to chair the meeting.*

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**122289 Resolution**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FLORIDA RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (FRDAP) FOR \$200,000 WITH MATCHING COUNTY FUNDS OF \$444,400 TO RENOVATE BOAT RAMP FACILITIES AT HOMESTEAD BAYFRONT MARINA AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT UPON REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Moss  
Seconded: Suarez  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Heyman, Sosa*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Maldonado read into the record the title of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

*There being no other comments or objections, the committee members proceeded to vote.*

**4 COUNTY MAYOR**

**5 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

6A

**122371 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MEETING(S): NOVEMBER 13, 2012 (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Moss*  
*Seconded: Suarez*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Sosa, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Maldonado  
read into the record the title of the foregoing  
report.*

*There being no other comments or objections, the  
committee members proceeded to approve the  
report.*

**7 REPORTS**

7A

**122290 Report**

ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MONTHLY  
STATUS REPORT

(Mayor)

*Report Received*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Suarez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Sosa, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Maldonado read into the record the title of the foregoing report.*

*Commissioner Suarez requested that a status report on the water damages caused by recent weather storms be given at today's meeting as part of this report, and he asked that it be explained how the repairs costs would be apportioned.*

*Mr. John Richard, President of the Miami-Dade Adrienne Arsht Center (the Arsht Center), provided an explanation on the progress of the water damage repairs done to date at the Center. He stated the Center's team would meet on December 13, 2012, with the County's team to coordinate how to collaboratively repair the water damages caused by the storm on May 20, 2012. He explained that the Center had remained opened for the scheduled performances while the repairs were underway, and the repair costs remained under the \$5 million allocation approved by the Board for that purpose. He also stated that the forensic engineer retained to inspect and evaluate the water damages and sewer leakage into the Ballet Opera House lobby had not submitted the inspection report yet.*

*Pursuant to Commissioner Moss's inquiry regarding whether the possibility for recurrences had been evaluated, Mr. Richard advised all of the pipes at the Ballet Opera House and the Knight Concert Hall had been thoroughly inspected and evaluated by the forensic engineer, the consultants, and the Center's team. He noted the forensic engineer had not sent his inspection report yet detailing his recommendations.*

*In response to Chairman Souto's inquiry, Mr. Richard advised that all the professionals and consultants had agreed there were no causes or safety concerns affecting patrons; and he would review all recommendations made by the forensic engineer, in addition to the mediation already*

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conducted, to determine how to proceed.

In response to Commissioner Moss's inquiry regarding the development plans for the Center's surrounding area, Mr. Richard advised that an "aspirational" master plan focused on the 48 acres of land directly west and northwest of the Center was presented to the neighboring area by the Chair of the Town Square Neighborhood Development Corporation, Mr. Armando Codina; and the progress of that master plan was presented before this committee last year. He stated the master plan was sympathetic to the Miami 21 Zoning Code, and it included an evaluation of the future plans of the surrounding real estate owners and developers both public and private. He advised several property owners had contacted him to express how they wished to develop their properties, and the Town Square Neighborhood Development Corp had been the entity facilitating those endeavors.

In connection to Commissioner Moss's inquiry, Mr. Richard responded that the creation of a new entity incorporating public and private stakeholders from within the neighborhood would help facilitate the proper growth and development within the surrounding area of the Arsht Center. He noted an international firm had recently acquired most of the land directly north of the Arsht Center between Biscayne Boulevard and Second Avenue, and Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets to build a mix use facility for residential, hotel, and retail uses. He noted the planned facility was within the context of the Miami 21 Zoning Code.

Mr. Richard commented that it was hoped the project would attract the appropriate type of development that would occur in a mix use development within the surrounding area of the Arsht Center, particularly with the billion of dollars already invested since the Arsht Center was opened. He noted all new developments within that area should be planned for mix uses, be sensitive to Miami 21 Zoning Code, and be developed in a manner as originally intended for the local communities.

Mr. Richard explained how the master plan would be developed and how the construction plan would be implemented.

In response to Commissioner Suarez's question,

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*Mr. Richard responded that the only comprehensive plan was to include in the master plan a very significant underground parking facility; but there were no current plans to construct underground.*

*In connection to Chairman Souto's comments that an approach should be developed to quickly and aggressively attract developers to this project and the development of the surrounding area of the Arsht Center, Mr. Richard responded that the area was being developed in a relatively short period of time in comparison to other cities in this country. He stated that the investment made by the private sector and the County in these facilities had already spawned an international interest in development due to the Arsht Center's location and the improvements made to the neighborhood within the last few years, and the Arsht Center had proved itself to be a destination with a wide variety of offerings.*

*In connection with Chairman Souto's recommendation that the participation of additional investors be solicited to develop the master plan, Mr. Richard suggested that a solution for the Arsht Center's parking problem needed to be identified for future development of the surrounding area. He advised that the master plan addressed the importance of connectivity between the various institutions proposed for development and how the traffic flow of vehicles and pedestrians should be coordinated. He reiterated that the parking solution was critical to the development of the area, and it should be developed as an underground facility.*

*In response to Chairman Souto's question, Mr. Richard advised the master plan had been completed; and it outlined how parking should be coordinated with the pedestrian walkways. He advised the master plan also addressed the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department's collaboration in the future including the alignment of the public transportation system with the future development of the neighborhood surrounding the Arsht Center.*

*In connection with Chairman Souto's request, Mr. Richard advised the master plan would also be presented to the Board; but it had already been presented to the public.*

*Chairman Souto expressed his interest in*

*expediting the development plans for that area.*

*Ms. Lisa Martinez stated that a review of the master plan was important to identify infrastructure needs such as parking facilities as well as other important factors of the project that the County could support to help expedite the development of the project.*

*Chairman Souto noted he believed that the future of all these neighborhoods like Overtown and Wynwood was to be connected to the Jackson area and the medical campuses.*

*Commissioner Suarez stated the County had probably been ineffective at developing partnerships with private sector developers like Espacio USA, and he expressed his interest to have the County administration approach private developers to help Town Square Development in their endeavors. He also expressed his interest to have Espacio USA and Genting Groups become involved in the development of this neighborhood.*

*Commissioner Suarez noted that Chairman Souto as well as the members of this Committee wished to meet with those developers in order to discuss developing a private/public partnership.*

*Mr. Richard agreed this was the appropriate time to develop private/public partnerships between to work collaboratively in the development of these areas. He reiterated infrastructure changes were necessary and critical in order to facilitate the flow of traffic in and out of this growing entertainment cultural district, which would be the showcase to the rest of the world. He stated the infrastructure had to be brought to a level which would inspire the new development about to begin in the surrounding area, and it would also require the stakeholders and the local community to work collaboratively with the public sector entities including transportation, the County, and the City.*

*There being no other comments, the Committee members proceed to accept the report.*

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122291 Report

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER  
STATUS REPORT

(Mayor)

*Report Received*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Monestime*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Sosa, Heyman*

8 ADJOURNMENT

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before  
the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee,  
the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.*